

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, STRONGLY URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION REQUIRING THE USE OF DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE THAT REFERENCES THE PRIOR YEAR'S MILLAGE RATE, AS IT COMPARES TO THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE, IN ALL TRIM NOTIFICATIONS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION FOR FLORIDA TAXPAYERS REGARDING PROPOSED TAX INCREASES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida, strongly urge the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation requiring the use of disclosure language that references the prior year's millage rate, as it compares to the proposed millage rate, in all Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) notifications; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, the Florida Legislature passed the Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) law, which requires that all municipalities advertise the proposed millage changes, the proposed budget changes and, if any, the percentage of change from the "roll back rate" (the roll back rate is the millage rate that, when applied to the current year's assessed value, would raise the same amount of ad valorem tax revenue for each taxing authority as the prior year); and

WHEREAS, the current TRIM Notice law does not require municipalities to disclose the prior year's millage rate, as it compares to the proposed millage rate, and the absence of this disclosure is creating confusion for Florida taxpayers; and

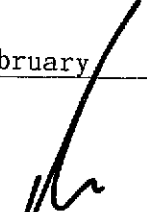
WHEREAS, requiring disclosure language in the TRIM Notice referencing both the prior year's millage rate and the current year's millage rate, would eliminate confusion by enabling Florida taxpayers to see what changes, if any, have been made to the millage rate and, in turn, allow taxpayers to easily understand what portion of their taxes is derived from an increased property assessment, and what portion is derived from budget decisions from each municipalities' governing board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.


Section 2. The City of Hialeah strongly urges the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation requiring the use of disclosure language that references the prior year's millage rate, as it compares to the proposed millage rate, in all TRIM Notifications, in order to provide clarification for Florida taxpayers regarding proposed tax increases.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2007.



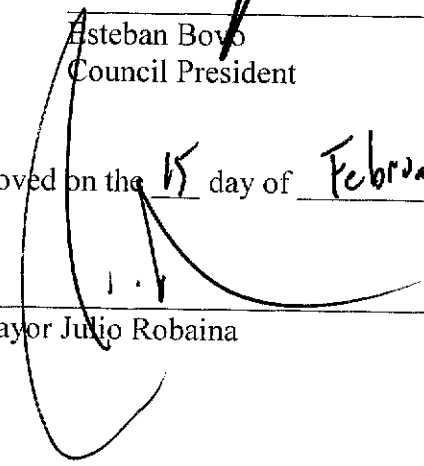
Esteban Bovo
Council President

Attest:



Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Approved on the 15 day of February, 2007.



Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:



William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilmembers Bovo, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Hernandez, Miel and Yedra voting "Yes" and Councilmember Gonzalez absent.